

St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.



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Welcome new members - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Parish Records - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

Music in the Liturgy - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

- 9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com),
- 11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com),
- 5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

Sunday programs for children - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

Sacramental Life - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

Baptism - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Anointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.ca

Diocesan Newsletter - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTION

Monday, January 10 – No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

**Wednesday, January 12 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys,
Virgin**

9:00 AM † Doris Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage

Thursday, January 13

9:00 AM Intentions of Wendy Ayong-Chee – Amanda Ayong-Chee

Friday, January 14

9:00 AM † Brenda Haskins – Cecilia Beechey

Saturday, January 15

Eve of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Wilfred Stanley – John & Sharon Carey

† Catherine Forde – Patrick & Joan Forde

† John Brattman – Carla McLennan

Sunday, January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family

† Eugene & Beatrice August – Krause Family

† Clarence Anstett – Family

Reflections on the First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

The First Reading is from the opening of Second Isaiah, the part of the Book of Isaiah written during the Babylonian exile, when the morale of the Judeans was shattered by the loss of the Jerusalem Temple, the deportation of the people, and the termination of their king. We can imagine that this oracle of consolation was desperately needed and welcomed by a desolate people. They had suffered greatly for their failing to keep covenant with God, even to the point of thinking that God had abandoned them entirely.

Now the Prophet proclaims God's word to the heavenly assembly, "Comfort, O comfort my people," which indicates that God has not abandoned the covenant. Further, "Jerusalem" is personified here; the Prophet is not addressing an inanimate city but rather the people who inhabit it. In the phrase "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem," the Hebrew word is *leb*, which refers to the heart, mind, or inner self of the people. Ancient Israelites would have understood the heart to be the seat of reasoning. Hence, God is telling the heavenly assembly to convince Israel that God has not abandoned Israel, that God recognizes the enormity of their sorrow for their unfaithfulness, and that they are now purified of their sin.

Then a member of the heavenly assembly speaks out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!" Thus, God will take the lead in a new exodus, clearing the way and making the roads straight for Israel to return from slavery in Babylon to the soon-to-be restored Jerusalem. There the "Glory of the Lord," or the Divine Presence, will reside, not only for God's people but for all humankind. Finally, personified Jerusalem, also known as Zion, is told to climb a high mountain – the city itself is seated on seven mountain peaks – and shout the good news, "See, the Lord God comes with might." Note the beautiful pastoral image of God feeding His flock, carrying lambs in His bosom or at His chest, and gently leading the pregnant ewes as they make their way toward Jerusalem. There is no greater consolation!

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



St. Hilary of Poitiers – Feast day: January 13 (not observed in Canada) Patron: against snake bites. Death: 368 AD.

"They didn't know who they were." This is how Hilary summed up the problem with the Arian heretics of the fourth century.

Hilary, on the other hand, knew very well who he was -- a child of a loving God who had inherited eternal life through belief in the Son of God. He hadn't been raised as a Christian but he had felt a wonder at the gift of life and a

desire to find out the meaning of that gift. He first discarded the approach of many people who around him, who believed the purpose of life was only to satisfy desires. He knew he wasn't a beast grazing in a pasture. The philosophers agreed with him. Human beings should rise above desires and live a life of virtue, they said. But Hilary could see in his own heart that humans were meant for even more than living a good life.

If he didn't lead a virtuous life, he would suffer from guilt and be unhappy. His soul seemed to cry out that that wasn't enough to justify the enormous gift of life. So Hilary went looking for the gift-giver. He was told many things about the divine -- many that we still hear today: that there were many Gods, that God didn't exist but all creation was the result of random acts of nature, that God existed but didn't really care for His creation, that God was in creatures or images. One look in his own soul told him these images of the divine were wrong. God had to be one because no creation could be as great as God. God had to be concerned with God's creation -- otherwise why create it?

At that point, Hilary tells us, he "chanced upon" the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. When he read the verse where God tells Moses "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14), Hilary said, "I was frankly amazed at such a clear definition of God, which expressed the incomprehensible knowledge of the divine nature in words most suited to human intelligence." In the Psalms and the Prophets he found descriptions of God's power, concern, and beauty. For example in Psalm 139, "Where shall I go from your spirit?", he found confirmation that God was everywhere and omnipotent.

But still he was troubled. He knew the gift-giver now, but what was he, the recipient of the gift? Was he just created for the moment to disappear at death? It only made sense to him that God's purpose in creation should be "that what did not exist began to exist, not that what had begun to exist would cease to exist." Then he found the Gospels and read John's words including "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God..." (John 1:1-2). From John he learned of the Son of God and how Jesus had been sent to bring eternal life to those who believed. Finally his soul was at rest. "No longer did he look upon the life of this body as troublesome or wearisome, but believed it to be what the alphabet is to children... namely, as the patient endurance of the present trials of life in order to gain a blissful eternity." He had found who he was in discovering God and God's Son Jesus Christ.

After becoming a Christian, he was elected bishop of Poitiers in what is now France by the laity and clergy. He was already married with one daughter named Apra.

Not everyone at that time had the same idea of who they were. The Arians did not believe in the divinity of Christ and the Arians had a

lot of power including the support of the emperor Constantius. This resulted in many persecutions. When Hilary refused to support their condemnation of St. Athanasius he was exiled from Poitiers to the East in 356. The Arians couldn't have had a worse plan -- for themselves.

Hilary really had known very little of the whole Arian controversy before he was banished. Perhaps he supported Athanasius simply because he didn't like their methods. But being exiled from his home and his duties gave him plenty of time to study and write. He learned everything he could about what the Arians said and what the orthodox Christians answered and then he began to write. "Although in exile we shall speak through these books, and the word of God, which cannot be bound, shall move about in freedom." The writings of his that still exist include On the Trinity, a commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, and a commentary on the Psalms. He tells us about the Trinity, "For one to attempt to speak of God in terms more precise than he himself has used: -- to undertake such a thing is to embark upon the boundless, to dare the incomprehensible. He fixed the names of His nature: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Whatever is sought over and above this is beyond the meaning of words, beyond the limits of perception, beyond the embrace of understanding."

After three years the emperor kicked him back to Poitiers, because, we are told by Sulpicius Severus, the emperor was tired of having to deal with the troublemaker, "a sower of discord and a disturber of the Orient." But no one told Hilary he had to go straight back to his home and so he took a leisurely route through Greece and Italy, preaching against the Arians as he went.

In the East he had also heard the hymns used by Arians and orthodox Christians as propaganda. These hymns were not based on Scripture as Western hymns but full of beliefs about God. Back at home, Hilary started writing hymns of propaganda himself to spread the faith. His hymns are the first in the West with a known writer.

Some of us may wonder at all the trouble over what may seem only words to us now. But Hilary wasn't not fighting a war of words, but a battle for the eternal life of the souls who might hear the Arians and stop believing in the Son of God, their hope of salvation.

The death of Constantius in 361 ended the persecution of the orthodox Christians. Hilary died in 367 or 368 and was proclaimed a doctor of the Church in 1851.

In His Footsteps: In Exodus, the Prophets, and the Gospel of John, Hilary found his favourite descriptions of God and God's relationship to us. What verses of Scripture describe God best for you? If you aren't familiar with Scripture, look up the verses that Hilary found. What do they mean to you?

Prayer: St. Hilary of Poitiers, instead of being discouraged by your exile, you used your time to study and write. Help us to bring good out of suffering and isolation in our own lives and see adversity as an opportunity to learn about or share our faith. Amen (From catholic.org)



St. Margaret Bourgeoys –
Feast day: January 12.
Patron: against poverty; loss of parents; people rejected by religious orders. Birth: 1620.
Death: 1700.

At the age of twenty, Margaret Bourgeoys, of Troyes, France, was walking in

a procession for the feast of the Holy Rosary when her gaze fell upon a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary atop a gate. The statue appeared to come to life, as Margaret saw Mary's eyes tenderly gaze upon her. The mysterious incident changed her life, as she would later attest: "I gave myself to God in the year 1640." After two convents had refused her

requests for admission, she was asked to undertake a school-teaching apostolate in Canada. Agonizing over this decision, Margaret finally became convinced that the Canadian mission was God's will for her while praying during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In 1653 Margaret journeyed to Canada. It was there that she founded a new congregation dedicated to the education and spiritual formation of young women, the Sisters of Notre Dame. Among the many religious and moral values she inculcated in her pupils was that of Christian modesty, establishing for the girls a "League of Modest Fashion." The students made a pledge of modesty while prostrate before an altar of the Blessed Virgin. (From catholic.org)



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



St. Louis Children's Babysitting during 9:30 AM Mass. We need more volunteers for Babysitting. If you are able to help once per month, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office: 519-743-4101.



First Communion classes will begin in the New Year, starting Wed., January 26th from 6 PM - 7:30 PM. First Communion will take place on May 1st. If you have a child who is in grade 2 and would like to have their sacrament here at St. Louis parish, please phone the office and register with Kelly Krause.

Year of Amoris Laetitia Family - Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Diocesan speaker series, will start in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger. The evening sessions from 7 - 8:30 PM on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th will unpack the great wisdom in *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church*. The presentations will be by Zoom. Check the Diocesan website at amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com for more info. or to register. For more info. contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 X 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.



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